Phase I

Ratnagiri (Maharashtra), Beypore (Kerala), Kavarati (Lakshadweep Islands), Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), Pondicherry (Union Territory of Pondicherry).

Phase II

Vadinar (Gujarat), J.afarabad/Pipavav (Gujarat), Bhatkal/Malpe, Gopalpur (Orissa), Kamrota (Andaman & Nicobar Group of Islands).

The Coast Guard Stations have acquired latest state of art weapons. Coast Guard personnel are being trained regularly on all types of weapons to face any unforeseen emergency.

Rehabilitation of people affected in Qajraj project

†2796. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to allot substitute land to the people whose land will be acquired in ongoing Gajraj project (Prakalpa) in Nagpur; and

(b) if so, the measures being planned by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The Central Government is not aware whether the State Government has any plans to allot substitute land to the people whose land is being acquired by the State Government in connection with the Gajraj Project in Nagpur.

(b) Does not arise.

Re-employment of ex-Servicemen

2797. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ex-Servicemen who have been provided reemployment in the Central Government, State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings, Para Military Forces, Defence Security Forces and other organisations from Rajasthan and other States during the last three years, year-wise, sector-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) steps taken for the rehabilitation of war related disabled ex-Servicemen during the said period;

(c) whether provisions have been made to relax the age limit and educational qualifications for the re-employment of ex-Servicemen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Sector-wise details of the ex-Servicemen provided reemployment during the last 3 years in the Central Government, State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings etc. are given in the Statement (see below).

The war disabled who are fit for civil jobs in Central Government Departments, are eligible on priority-l for employment against Groups 'C and 'D' posts, for which, recruitment is made through the Directorate General of Employment and Training, Ministry of Labour. They can also avail of the benefit of loan assistance on liberalised terms under self-employment schemes to set up tiny/small scale industries, small scale service enterprises, undertake agriculture and allied activity, set up Khadi and Village industries in rural areas. Besides, Queen Mary Technical Institute, Pune, a private charitable institution, conducts ITI recognised vocational trades training courses for disabled ex-Servicemen to facilitate their rehabilitation. In addition, paraplegic homes at Kirkee and Mohali are being run for rehabilitation of paraplegic and tetraplegic ex-Servicemen. Disabled soldiers are also provided artificial limbs by Artificial Limbs Centres.

The Armed Forces personnel disabled in war or war like operations are given war injury pension at the rate of reckonable emoluments last drawn if the degree of disablement is 100% and this is proportionately reduced if the disability is less then 100%. The disabled Officers/Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks, invalidated out of service are covered under the Army Group Insurance Scheme for insurance amount ranging from Rs. 80,000/- to Rs. 4 lakhs in the case of Officers and Rs. 37,500/- to Rs. 1,87,500/- in the case of Junior Commissioned Officers/Other Ranks, dependign upon the level of disability.

Ex-Servicemen have been provided age relaxation to the extent of military service plus three years against Reserved/Unreserved vacancies in Group 'C' & 'D' posts and also in Group 'A' & 'B' posts which are filled otherwise than by way of competitive examinations. The age relaxation is restricted to five years in Group 'A' and 'B' posts which are filled by competitive examinations.

Ex-Servicemen have been granted relaxation in prescribed educational qualifications. Army Class I, II and III Certificates have been equated to 8th class, 6th class and 4th class respectively in civil. For reserved vacancies for which the minimum educational qualification is Matriculation, an ex-Serviceman who has put in at least 15 years of service and has passed Army Class I or equivalent, is considered eligible. For the reserved jobs for which the minimum educational qualification is graduation, an ex-Servicemen who has put in at least 15 years of service in the Army and has passed Matriculation or equivalent examination is considered eligible.

Statement

Sector-wise details of the ex-Servicemen provided re-employment in Central Government, State Governments and PSUs

Ex-Servicemen re-employed from	2000	2001	2002
Rajasthan			
Central Government	42	30	16
Public Sector Undertakings (Central Government)	0	26	17
State Government	82	17	12
Public Sector Undertakings (State Government)	0	5	10
Local Bodies	178	78	76
Disabled ex-Servicemen	0	0	0
Private Sector	147	331	505
TOTAL	449	487	636

Ex-Servicemen re-employed from Other States/UTs	2000	2001	2002
Central Government	783	950	294
Public Sector Undertakings (Central Government)	732	730	861
State Government	1162	1082	678
Public Sector Undertakings (State Government)	340	414	181
Local Bodies	365	540	263
Disabled ex-Servicemen	92	10	-
Private Sector	2431	2702	1741
TOTAL:	5905	6428	4018
Number of ex-Servicemen re-employed in banks, para military forces and Defence Security Corp.			
Banks	334	284	119*
Para-Military Forces	28	98*	44*
Defence Security Corp	3577	4614	4840

* Figures are provisional
(State-wise details are not being maintained)

Compensation to farmers in J&K, Punjab and Rajasthan affected by landmines

2798. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):
SHRI B.J PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural land bordering Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan where mines were laid by security forces have been restored to farmers by now;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor and the present status;

(c) the loss of crop and the number of farmers who would not reap and sow crop due to mines;